

WE CLAIM:

1. A method of treating a mammal exhibiting congestive heart failure comprising administering to said mammal an effective amount of growth hormone.

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2. The method of claim 1 wherein said growth hormone is human growth hormone.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein said mammal is human.

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4. The method of claim 3 wherein said effective amount is in the range of 10-100 micrograms per kilogram of body weight per day.

5. The method of claim 3 wherein said administering is subcutaneous or intravenous.

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6. The method of claim 1 wherein said congestive heart failure results from myocardial infarction.